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Mental illness for her before murders

► Chanthy Mao, a Cambodian immigrant, had already tried to kill herself twice, her sister said Thursday
 ► Her husband, relatives mourned two children killed in apartment

The Point Breeze mother who allegedly fatally stabbed her two young children Wednesday night had a long history of mental illness, family members and friends said.

"She's bipolar. It's a disease you have all your life," said husband Cesar Rosado, who added that she was taking medication.

Chanthy Mao, 27, immigrated to the U.S. from Cambodia about five years ago and worked on and off as a nail technician. She is charged with two counts of murder for killing her 8-year-old son, Savann, and 12-year-old daughter, Savannah, before turning the knife on herself.

Mao was treated for self-inflicted wounds and then released from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania into police custody.

"She tried to kill herself two times already," said sister Sotheary Mao. "The first two times, it was only her. I don't know why this time she took the kids first."

Relatives gathered at Mao's first-floor apartment Thursday to burn incense and light candles at a makeshift shrine in the tiny room where the children were killed.

"Three times this has happened — all three times she was on medications. If you do research, all these medicines can cause suicidal tendencies. You think [doctors] would keep closer eyes on what's going on."

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Mao's sister said her illness intensified in Cambodia during her first marriage to the father of her children. "I don't think she had a happy life with him," she said. She added that the family wasn't sure if the man is in the country, but heard that he may attend the kids' funerals.

But none of the mourners could make sense of what happened Wednesday night.

"It wasn't something the father or the children did. It was a button that snapped," Rosado said. "She wouldn't kill a bug, but something kicked in and everything started. It doesn't have an answer."

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► Suspect Chanthy Mao's sister, Sotheary Mao, looked at the memorial set up where the children were killed Wednesday evening. Below, the family posed in happier times.

Suffered in silence

"The problem with the Cambodian community is that they don't recognize that mental health problems exist," said Somrith Som, family friend and president of the Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia, who added that many mentally ill Cam-



bodians suffer in silence and isolation. "They think that it can't be treated and that it's their fate or destiny to die."

Mao's husband added that the medication doctors prescribed made her angrier.

"She doesn't fit in, so everybody wants to give her medicine to calm her down," Rosado said. "When she doesn't take it, it's unacceptable to people because she acts funny and weird all the time — but never mad or violent. She didn't do this." ● METRO/AW

Trenton still shut off to SEPTA Regional Rail

NEW JERSEY. Train commuters on SEPTA's Trenton line still must take shuttle buses from the Trenton Train Station to Levittown, according to SEPTA and Amtrak officials Thursday, who said they have yet to

establish a timeline for re-opening the damaged rails.

Amtrak trains are now using the Trenton station, but officials said the once-flooded station remains unusable for SEPTA Regional Rail. ● METRO/BXM



► Flood on the tracks

Montco couple dies in Maine

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. A couple from Lafayette Hill died inside their summer home in Maine earlier this week, becoming that state's first Hurricane

Irene victims, according to reports.

The elderly couple, both in their 80s, reportedly died Tuesday of carbon monoxide poisoning in Raymond, Maine, when their power generator started leaking the noxious fumes, reports said.

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In the news

Happy Labor Day weekend!

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Metro will not print Monday. We will return Tuesday. In the meantime, check our website, www.metro.us, for updates. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

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Year later, Widener is still smoke-free

► College has taken the local lead with the growing national trend of kicking cigarettes off campus ► 500 colleges across country smoke-free

While a growing number of colleges and universities across the nation have started to ban smoking on campus, most local colleges have not gotten on board.

At least 530 schools prohibit smoking indoors and outdoors as a way to promote healthier lifestyles, according to the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. In Chester City, Widener University has been smoke-free for about a year. In fact, the school has outlawed all tobacco products.

Widener spokesman Dan Hanson said the university announced the initiative in 2009 and gave students, faculty and staff a

year to prepare by offering smoking cessation courses and other programs.

"We've received a num-

ber of calls from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. that are considering similar initiatives,

so they're taking a look at how Widener's initiative has gone in that first year," Hanson said.

At Temple, University of Penn and Drexel, smoking indoors is prohibited — but anyone can light up outside.

"We, unlike a lot of other campuses, have lots of city streets and sidewalks going through the campus, and those are not Temple property," explained Temple spokesman Hillel Hoffmann. "We cannot ban smoking on a city of Philadelphia street or city of Philadelphia sidewalk."



Smoke 'em out

"This is just one aspect of an overall wellness initiative," said Widener spokesman Dan Hanson. "We only have three incidents. And all three of those have been students, and none of them are second- or third-time offenses."

- First offense: No fine given
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- Third offense: \$50 fine



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Celebration. Hero Thrill Show



► Members of the Philadelphia Police Department's motorcycle drill team circled the hogs as they put on a show along Market Street yesterday.

Cops put on show

Spectators got a sneak peak of the 57th annual Philadelphia Hero Thrill Show yesterday afternoon on Market Street. Police units like the motorcycle drill team and the Center City bike patrol paraded for onlookers. The actual show is 11:30 a.m., Sept. 24, outside the Wells Fargo Center.

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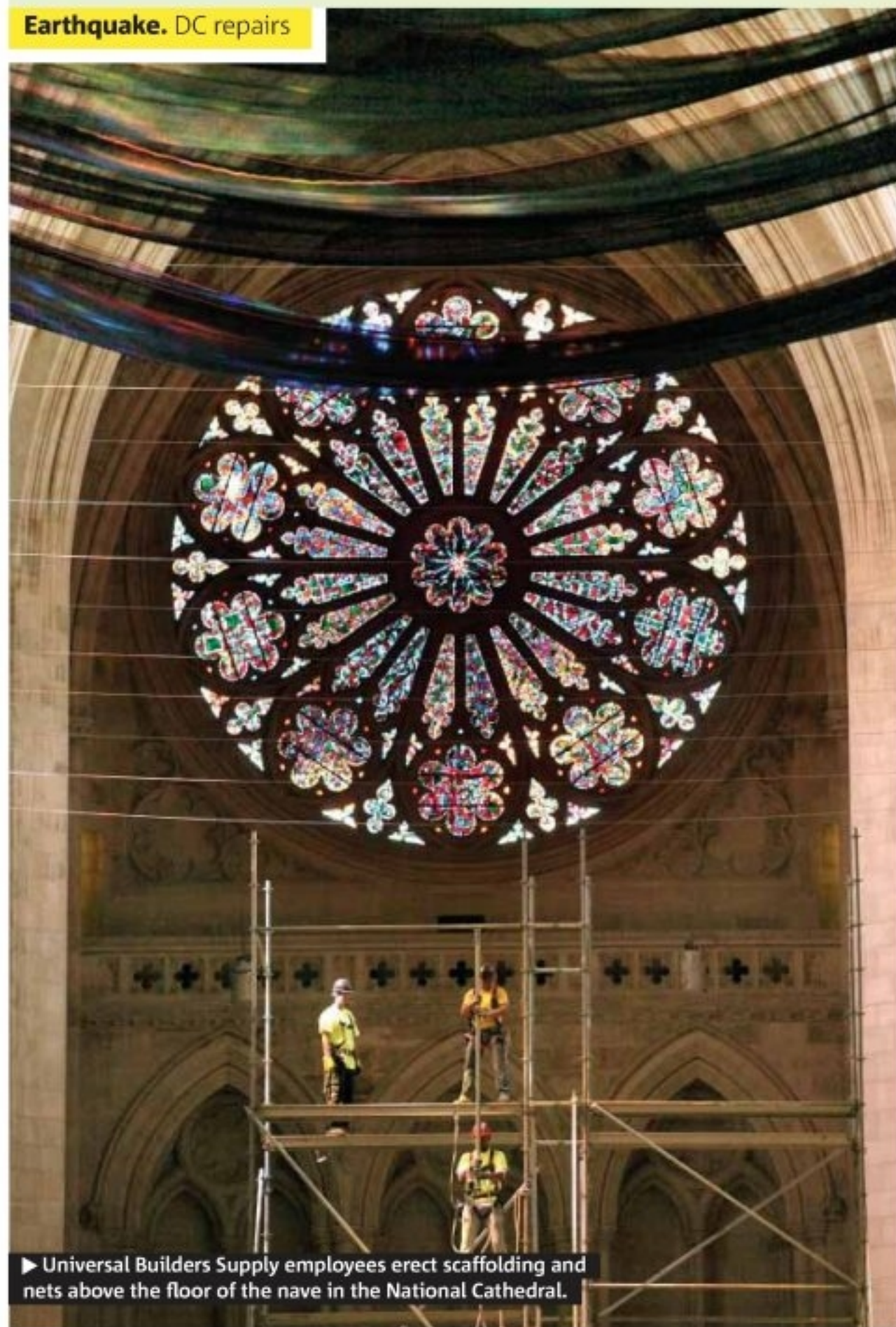
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Earthquake. DC repairs



► Universal Builders Supply employees erect scaffolding and nets above the floor of the nave in the National Cathedral.

Repairs begin at National Cathedral

After the National Cathedral sustained structural and aesthetic damage in last month's magnitude-5.8 earthquake that shook the East Coast, nets have been hung to protect visitors from any falling debris. Repair work could take years, cathedral spokespersons said. Stone masons and structural engineers implemented these safety measures before reopening to the public on Sept. 9.

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Storm system bears down on Gulf Coast

► Disturbance could drop buckets of rain on Texas, Louisiana ► Oil companies make preparations on water

A low-pressure system pushing northwest through the Gulf of Mexico has a strong chance of becoming a tropical cyclone in the next two days and threatening U.S. states on northern coast of the gulf, the National Hurricane Center said Thursday.

The system, now over the central part of the gulf, already has prompted some major international oil companies to evacuate workers from offshore oil platforms.

The Miami-based hurricane center said the low pressure area was producing a large area of clouds, thunderstorms and gusty



winds as it headed slowly to the northwest.

"This system has a high chance ... 70 percent ... of becoming a tropical cy-

clone during the next 48 hours ... Interests along the entire northern Gulf of Mexico coast should monitor the progress of this disturbance," the NHC said.

Some computer models showed the developing system, which would be called Lee if it became a tropical storm, could pass over the coasts of Texas and Louisiana. Lee will be the 12th named storm of the busy 2011 Atlantic hurricane season.

Texas is in the grip of a severe drought and rains from the developing weather system could bring some relief.

REUTERS

All eyes on Katia in Atlantic

Katia, a Category 1 Hurricane, has weakened to a tropical storm but some restrengthening was forecast during the next 48 hours, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said in its latest

report on Thursday.

Thursday afternoon, Katia was located about 930 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, packing maximum sustained winds of 70 miles per hour.

Forecasters say it is still too early to predict with certainty that the storm poses no threat to the Eastern Seaboard.

REUTERS

Vitamin D levels tied to colon cancer risk

NEW YORK. A new analysis of earlier research finds that both higher vitamin D intake and higher blood levels of the vitamin's active form are linked to lower risk of colon and rectal cancers.

In 18 studies that included more than 10,000 people, colon cancer risk was as much as 33 percent lower in subjects with the highest blood levels of vitamin D compared to those with the lowest levels, researchers report in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. Those with the highest intake of vitamin D through supplements and food had 12 percent lower risk than those with the lowest intakes. **REUTERS**

Gaddafi vows fight, 'let it burn'

TRIPOLI. Muammar Gaddafi urged his supporters from hiding to fight on as Libya's new interim rulers met world leaders on Thursday to discuss reshaping a nation torn by 42 years of one-man rule and six months of civil war.

"Let it be a long battle.



We will fight from place to place, from town to town, from valley to val-

ley, from mountain to mountain," Gaddafi said in a message relayed by satellite TV on the anniversary of the coup that brought him to power in 1969.

"If Libya goes up in flames, who will be able to govern it? Let it burn," he said. **REUTERS**

Obama still backs energy aid

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama is standing by his support for renewable energy after Solyndra Inc., a maker of solar panels that received a \$535 million U.S. loan guarantee, shut its doors, a White House spokesman said.

Solyndra suspended operations and plans to file for bankruptcy reorganization because it couldn't compete with larger rivals, the closely held company said in a statement yesterday.

Obama had touted Solyndra as part of the U.S. effort to aid development of alternative energy sources, and its failure was cited by Republican lawmakers who say the subsidies are misguided.

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TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
FOR CNNWHAT IF THEY
REALLY WERE
RUNNING?

I was preparing to run in New York's Central Park during a terrible storm when I hopped onto a hotel elevator to find myself with Mitt Romney. He looked me up and down, and said, "Are you going to run in these conditions?" And I thought, "I ought to ask you the same thing!"

Ever since then I have been puzzling: If the race for the White House were actually a race (with sneakers, Spandex pants and anti-chafing creams) who would win? The question has kicked off a surprisingly lively debate among my political pundit pals. "Well, Jon Huntsman has the build for running," one guy told me. "Yes, he looks fast," a woman chimed in.

"Michelle Bachmann?" I asked. "Maybe," they both answered. "She might crank down some miles, but you can never tell."

Here is our collective breakdown on some of the others:

- **Mitt Romney:** Looks like he'd be too worried about his knees.
- **Rick Perry:** More like a discus thrower.
- **Sarah Palin:** Hard to tell. After all, every



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"The question becomes not so much 'Who can jump out front fast?' but rather 'Who will hold up best in the long haul?'"

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time it looks like she's running, she's not. **Rick Santorum:** Looks good, but somehow strikes us as a fader.

► **Newt Gingrich:** Most likely to show up sporting a weird headband from the '70s, do a lot of stretching, then just sit on the curb.

► **Herman Cain:** Middle-of-the-pack-er.

► **Ron Paul:** He looks like one of those old guys who may not win, but comes chugging past wearing a smile and a shirt that says, "I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you!"

To be honest, if this were the way we picked presidents, little known candidate Gary Johnson would take the trophy; he's a hard core, real life runner.

Of course, all that would really matter would be if the Republican champ could beat President Obama. At first our little group said, "Oh, the president is an athlete, and he's got the Kenyan connection going for him. No way he'd lose a foot race!" But then I reminded them that he is a basketball player, and those guys are mainly about sprinting.

So the question becomes not so much "Who can jump out front fast?" but rather "Who will hold up best in a long haul?" And oddly enough, that is the same question we end up asking in our actual electoral process.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on

"AC360"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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Ripped from the headlines

Does being "the movie of our time" always translate into big box-office bucks? The studios are hoping so with these thrillers that are all closely (sometimes unnervingly) related to current events.

► Sept. 9: **'Contagion'** This

ensemble thriller takes the panicked outbreak of the Avian flu in 2009 and twists it into the realization of our worst nightmares. Steven Soderbergh directs.

► Sept. 23: **'Moneyball'** This baseball movie is based on the groundbreaking drafting methods of Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane. Take comfort, ladies. Brad Pitt stars as Beane alongside Jonah



► Ryan Gosling plays a political wunderkind in **'The Ides of March.'**

Hill, Robin Wright and Phillip Seymour Hoffman.

► Oct. 21: **'Margin Call'** This thriller will likely capture the desperate atmosphere of the 2009 financial crisis in a way that Oliver Stone tried and failed at with **'Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps.'** More directly based on the crash, director J.C. Chandor's first film stars Zachary Quinto, Stanley Tucci

and Kevin Spacey.

► Oct. 7: **'The Ides of March'** Based on the play **'Farragut North,'** this political thriller depicts the manipulations behind the scenes of a presidential campaign loosely based on that of Howard Dean. The hot factor is turned way up with Ryan Gosling and George Clooney co-starring as a political aide and electoral candidate, respectively.

FALL MOVIE GUIDE

Is it just us or are you also ready for some meatier material now that Transformers and barbarians and superheroes

have trampled through the movie theaters for the last three months? We've rounded up some of the most noteworthy films

coming out this season — and even put aside a selection of lighthearted films that will let you pretend you're still going to the

movies just to be in the air conditioning.



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Ripped from the history books

These aren't your average costume dramas — the period pieces most popular with today's audiences take place within the last 60 years.

Though only **'J. Edgar'** is based on historical fact, these three will no doubt get some award nods down the line, in part for their period charm.

► Oct. 28: **'The Rum Diary'** Johnny Depp continues his lifelong homage to

gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson in this movie based on the author's novel by the same name.

► Nov. 9: **'J. Edgar'** With Clint Eastwood directing and Leonardo DiCaprio taking a little time off from his best bud Martin Scorsese, this biopic is an easy front-runner on every must-see list.

► Nov. 18: **'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'** Set in Cold War-era Britain in the 1970s, this flick stars Gary Oldman as an intelligence expert on the dangerous, potentially deadly search for a Russian mole within MI6.



► Leonardo DiCaprio plays the legendary J. Edgar Hoover in the biopic directed by Clint Eastwood.

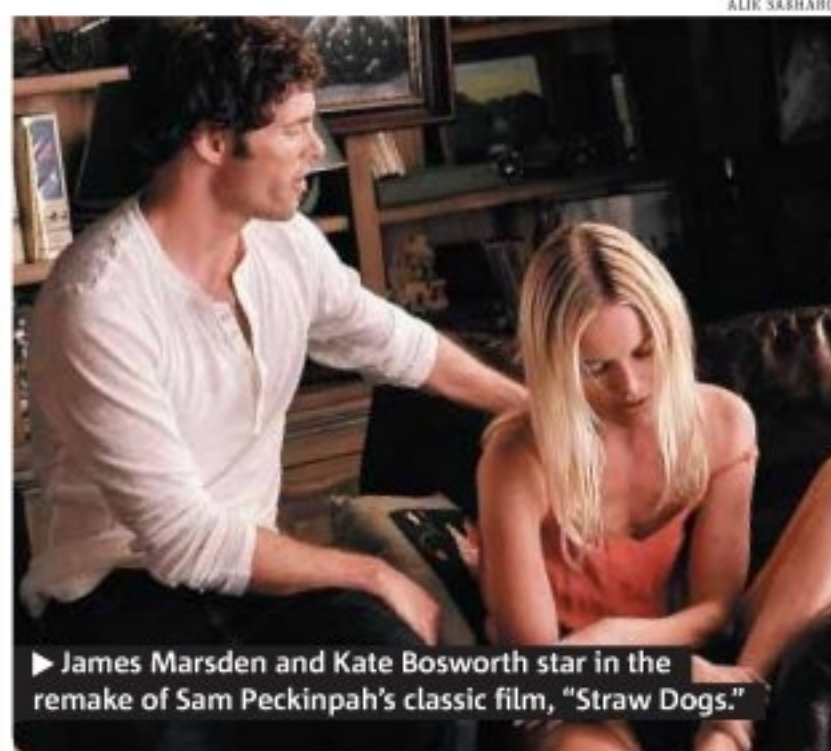
Ripped off from another movie

Borrowing from an old movie or remaking it entirely isn't always a bad thing. As a matter of fact, these formulas keep getting repeated because we keep paying good money to see them! Here are some plots that may seem vaguely familiar.

► Sept. 16: **'Straw Dogs'** This remake of the British 1971 film moves the setting to the Deep South, where a newly relocated husband and wife (James Marsden and Kate Bosworth) are confronted by hostile locals.

► Sept. 23: **'Killer Elite'** When is Jason Statham ever NOT a skilled killer on a mission to knock off some dudes? Here, he's out to avenge his mentor, played by Robert De Niro.

► Oct. 7: **'The Thing'** There's no such thing as



► James Marsden and Kate Bosworth star in the remake of Sam Peckinpah's classic film, **'Straw Dogs.'**

too many remakes, especially of this 1951 classic that was already remade in 1982.

► Oct. 21: **'Paranormal Activity 3'** Why are horror films always the easiest to repeat over and over and over again?

► Oct. 21: **'The Three Musketeers'** This new **'Musketeers'** differentiates itself with improved special effects and Christoph Waltz.

► Nov. 4: **'Tower Heist'**

Billing itself as "an urban **'Ocean's Eleven'**" this heist film starring Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy and Matthew Broderick could be ridiculous fun or a full-on disaster. We're pulling for the former.

► Nov. 23: **'The Muppets'** There's nothing wrong with reviving the ever-charming Muppets, this time with a script written by Jason Segel, who also co-stars with the lovable crew.



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Movies: Must-see and just for fun

Must-sees



► Anton Yelchin and Felicity Jones co-star in "Like Crazy."

We selected a few films that we think will be this season's cream of the crop.

► Sept. 16: **'Drive'** The director of "Bronson" takes on this noir-ish tale of a Hollywood stunt driver (Ryan Gosling — he's been busy lately) who moonlights as a getaway car driver for criminals. We've previewed this one and promise it's worth seeing.

► Oct. 14: **'The Skin I Live In'** One of the most highly anticipated releases of the fall will be Pedro Almodovar's thriller about a demented plastic

surgeon who experiments on a captive human subject.

► Oct. 21: **'Martha Marcy May Marlene'** This tale got a thumbs-up from the festival circuit. We expect to be delightfully creeped out by the sad story of a woman experiencing post-traumatic stress after leaving a mysterious cult.

► Oct. 28: **'Like Crazy'** This tender coming-of-age tear-jerker stars Felicity Jones and "Fright Night" cutie Anton Yelchin as star-crossed lovers trying to make a long-distance relationship work.

► Nov. 11: **'Melancholia'** Director Lars Von Trier has been quoted as saying his latest work is his most hopeless film yet. The last one he did was called "Antichrist" ... so, you figure it out.

► Nov. 23: **'The Descendants'** The film industry serves you, on a silver platter, the movie you will go see with your parents when you're home for Thanksgiving. George Clooney plays the husband to a comatose wife who's gliding by until he is faced with the duty of raising his two daughters.

Light and easy

Just because summer is over doesn't mean you have to wean yourself off the mindless fluff. A steady supply will keep coming.

► Sept. 9: **'Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star'** Nick Swardson plays a

Midwestern hick who travels to Hollywood to become a porn star.

► Sept. 16: **'I Don't Know How She Does It'** Sarah Jessica Parker moves beyond Carrie Bradshaw to play a mom trying to keep her job, family and sanity intact.

► Sept. 30: **'What's Your Number?'** Anna Faris considers the high number of men she's bedded and tracks down each ex in order to find her true love.

► Oct. 7: **'Real Steel'** Only two words need to be said here: boxing robots!

► Oct. 28: **'In Time'** Built on the concept of a world where people stop aging at 25, this film stars two of the prettiest twentysomethings around — Justin Timberlake and Amanda Seyfried.

► Oct. 28: **'Safe'** Elite Agent played by (shocker!) Jason



► Heck, yeah! Boxing robots star in "Real Steel!"

Statham faces off with the Russian mafia. We're beginning to think that this man has a prop gun surgically attached to his hand.

► Nov. 4: **'A Very Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas'** We can't wait to see what this stoner franchise is going to do with 3-D effects. Hallucination sequences are

mandatory.

► Nov. 11: **'Jack and Jill'** Adam Sandler cross-dresses to play his own twin sister. We know, you can't wait.

► Nov. 18: **'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1'** Nothing needs to be said here, except: Edward and Bella forever!



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BAD TEACHER (R) 10:05

CARS 2 IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D

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COLOMBIANA (PG-13) 9:30,

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DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK

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FINAL DESTINATION 5 3D (R)

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FRIGHT NIGHT 3D (R) 1:20, 7:15,

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THE HELP (PG-13) 10:20, 1:30,

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KUNG FU PANDA 2: AN IMAX 3D

EXPERIENCE (PG) 11:20, 1:40,

4:00, 6:15, IMAX 3D

OUR IDIOT BROTHER (R) 11:50,

2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30, 11:45

RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE

APES (PG-13) 10:30, 12:40, 3:30,

5:40, 8:15, 11:00. Digital

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SHARK NIGHT 3D (PG-13) 11:40,

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RealD 3D

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SPY KIDS: ALL THE TIME IN THE

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BAD TEACHER (R) Fri and Sat

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CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST

AVENGER (PG-13) 11:10, 4:35,

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THE CHANGE-UP (R) Fri and Sat

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COLOMBIANA (PG-13)

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HARRY POTTER AND THE

DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 2

(PG-13) 11:50, 2:45, Digital

Presentation

HARRY POTTER AND THE

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AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-

13) Fri and Sat 4:50, 7:45, IMAX

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Presentation; Sun 10:45-2:00-

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HORRIBLE BOSSES (R)

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KUNG FU PANDA 2: AN IMAX 3D

EXPERIENCE (PG) Fri and Sat

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ONE DAY (PG-13) Fri and Sat

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THE SMURFS 3D (PG) 11:30,

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SARAH'S KEY (ELLE S'APPELAIT

SARAH) (PG-13) 10:50, 1:25,

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SEVEN DAYS IN UTOPIA (G)

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Hollywood's next princess

► Appearing in this fall's thriller 'Abduction,' young actress Lily Collins discusses working with 'Twilight' star Taylor Lautner and her upcoming role as Snow White ► How she feels about the other 'Snow White' in the works

Maybe you should call her this year's Emma Roberts (niece of Julia). As the daughter of artist Phil Collins, 22-year-old Lily Collins may have had an inside track to Hollywood stardom, but that doesn't mean her early success was unearned. This fall, Collins is appearing alongside Taylor Lautner in the action-thriller "Abduction" (Sept. 23), and she's currently shooting one of two Snow White films due to hit theaters next year. She took a moment from the set of the Snow White film, currently being shot in Montreal, to chat with Metro.

In "Abduction," you seem to be running from lots of explosions and fires. Did Taylor Lautner have any advice on how to approach the stunt work? He seems to be quite fearless in life anyway. He'll just be standing and then all of a sudden he'll do a back flip because he can do that. ... He just jumps into things without being afraid — so it kind of motivated me, with my lack of experience, to try to dive



► Lily Collins and Taylor Lautner film a scene in "Abduction," which hits theaters on Sept. 23.

About Lily

- Age: 22
- Born in: Surrey, England
- Previous films: "The Blind Side," "Priest"
- On the horizon: "Abduction," "Untitled Snow White Project," "The Mortal Instruments"



► Collins

into it as well.

Tell us about shooting "Snow White."

I've been in Montreal since the end of May. It's been long and grueling, fencing and fight training and wearing costumes that weigh so much every day. It's a fairy tale every single moment, and it's

been incredible.

How do you feel about the fact that there's another Snow White project being shot right now with Kristen Stewart in the same role?

I'm very aware of the other project, and I've read the script, and I know that they're so completely different. I am really excited

for Kristen. I think she's perfect for that vision of Snow White and I'm very excited to take on the vision that [director Tarsem Singh] has. They couldn't be more different, so it's actually kind of exciting.

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QUESTIONS FOR KENNY WORMALD

The star of the 'Footloose' reboot, hitting theaters Oct. 14, talks about stepping into Kevin Bacon's dancing shoes.
● HEIDI PATALANO

Step aside, Kevin Bacon. Kenny Wormald is about to reinvent what the world thinks of when they hear the word "Footloose." Well, actually Wormald just wants to make sure he doesn't dishonor Bacon, who first inhabited the role of Ren McCormack in the original 1984 film. The 26-year-old Boston native was excited to take on the role for its 2011 reboot, but is holding his breath for the film's release.

"Now that I've completed the film and I've seen it, the pressure is more on whether the world is going to accept me as that character," Wormald says.

"I was a huge fan of the original, and I knew how close to the heart people held this film. You just want to do good for them and do good by Kevin."

Since Wormald is relatively new on the Hollywood scene, we asked the former dancer for Justin Timberlake a few random questions in order to get to know him better.

1 What's the best advice you've ever been given?
"You've got two ears and one mouth. You should listen twice as much as you talk." Marc Anthony told me that when I was dancing for J. Lo.

2 Did Justin Timberlake ever give you good advice?
No, he never told me what to do but he showed me through action, how to handle being a megastar ... just being a humble dude, keeping your family close and saying thank you to everyone. He is literally loved by everyone around him. That is something I strive for, and I believe that will help you stick around in this business for a long time.



► Julianne Hough plays Ariel and Kenny Wormald plays Ren (second from center) in "Footloose."

3 If you had to eat at one fast-food chain for the rest of your life, which one would it be?
In-N-Out Burger is kind of my go-to. It would suck for your whole life, because it's only burgers. But that being said, you don't feel that bad because it's good quality meat.

4 What reality show do you not usually admit to watching?
"Project Runway." Reality TV is kinda stupid for the most part, but they're actually talented.

5 At a party, you'll find me ...
Making the best playlist possible because usually when I go to my friend's house, the music sucks and I'm immediately trying to get on his iTunes to fix the vibe.

Bonus question

Do you have a favorite word? Lately we've been saying, "done." Like your friend is calling you saying, "Hey bud, you wanna go see a movie in 30?" "Done." ... Which is now becoming "dunzo."



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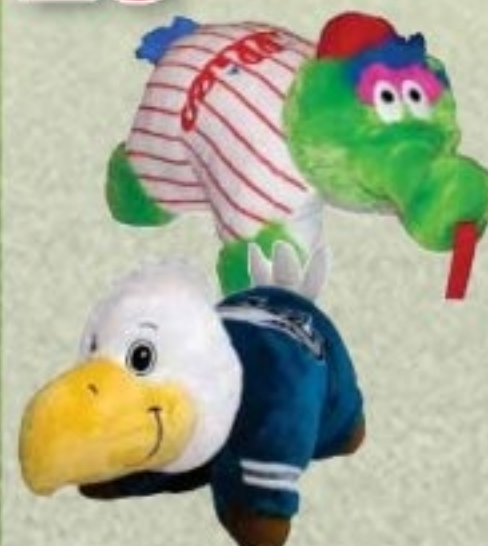
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Jamie Bell's escape from the uncanny valley

► Jamie Bell, star of 'The Adventures of Tintin,' on the technology that turned him into the beloved character

Jamie Bell can handle just about any challenge he can face as an actor. His first role, after all, was that of the iconic 14-year-old dancing savant in "Billy Elliot" back in 2000. Earlier this year, he fenced his way through complex fight scenes in icy rivers for the Roman epic "The Eagle." And this winter, he will take on one of the most beloved characters of all time using motion-capture technology for "The Adventures of Tintin."

It sounds as though acting with a green screen might be difficult, but Bell is quick to dismiss this as any kind of challenge.

"An actor who enters into a motion-capture film will bring to the table exactly what they bring to the table in a live-action film," he says. "The only difference is that you don't wear cos-

Quoted

"They are outrageous together. They are bone-crunchingly, ball-bouncingly funny."

BELL, ON HIS "TINTIN" CO-STARS SIMON PEGG AND NICK FROST WHO PLAY THE THOMPSON TWINS

tumes and the props in front of you are representational of what they are in the virtual world."

As a young child, the 25-year-old Brit had loved the Tintin comics, which served as an inspiration to him.

"Everything he did, I wanted to do myself," he says. "I wanted to be a journalist. Obviously, I definitely don't want to do that now, because I've met so many of

them. Traveling the world? Great, always wanted to do that as a child. Tintin did it every week on my TV set."

Not many people get to see themselves animated into one of their favorite fictional characters from childhood and for Bell, seeing animated scenes from the Steven Spielberg-helmed "Tintin" was a little unsettling.

"It's weird seeing my facial articulations, all that stuff, on another person's body with another person's face; but I think that's only weird to me," he says. "I think [people] will be blown away by how advanced this technology is, how good the animation is, how 'oh thank God it's not like those other films' [it is]. We've really stepped up the bar."

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► Bell brings a beloved childhood character to life on the big screen.

So long, uncanny valley!

"Obviously for us to talk about [an uncanny valley], is death," says Bell. "An uncanny valley is when the [animated] eyes are not engaged in an emotional way. Luckily, they've managed to fix that. I feel like people are going to forget what uncanny valley means and that's what we're looking for."



► Captain Haddock, Snowy and Tintin in "The Adventures of Tintin."

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One woman, seven films

► Jessica Chastain, flame-haired star of 'Tree of Life,' has six more coming out this year, including 'The Debt'

Jessica Chastain would be worried about overexposure if only anyone knew what she looked like. "To be honest, I don't get recognized — which is great," says Chastain, whose latest film, "The Debt," finds her morphing into a raven-haired Mossad operative in 1960s East Berlin. "I think sometimes a trapping of fame is that they don't want you to disappear into the role. They want you to be how they think you are."

While she's spent the last four years making movies, very little has made

Quoted

"I don't want to play the same thing twice. Hollywood does try to think, 'Oh, she can do that, so let's have her do it again.'"

JESSICA CHASTAIN

it to theaters — until now, since Chastain has seven films being released in 2011 alone. That's a lot of roles to disappear into; and if anything, Chastain insists, having them all hit at once is a great defense against typecasting. "I don't want to play the same thing twice," she says. "Hollywood does try to think, 'Oh, she can do that, so let's have her do it again.' And I'm really fortunate that it goes from 'Tree of Life' to 'The Help' to 'Take Shelter,' where I'm hoping that they just won't know what to do with me."



► Jessica Chastain stars as secret agent Rachel Singer in John Madden's espionage thriller "The Debt," which is in theaters now.

And if those three don't confuse casting directors enough, she's also got her spy games in "The Debt," some Shakespeare in Ralph Fiennes' "Coriolanus," screen time with Al Pacino in "Wilde Salome" and more gunplay in "Texas Killing Fields."

Jumping from role to role isn't a problem for

Chastain; it's adjusting to the fame she'll likely be living with in 2012 that's daunting. "Right now, it's all great. I'm getting to do the work and I'm getting to have a normal life," she says. "I am still shy. That red carpet at Cannes was out of this world and terrifying and exciting at the same time."

Getting in action

Making "The Debt" meant learning some new skills. "I'd never done an action film," she says. "I went to Juilliard, I was trained in Shakespeare and the classics, and so the idea of me running and jumping into a moving van and shooting guns was so foreign to me."

Luckily, there was help on the set in the form of co-star Sam Worthington. "He really was my coach during this film — my like action coach, where he would show me the best ways to hold a gun," she says. "He nicknamed me Tommy Cruise because he says that my action run was as good as Tom Cruise's."



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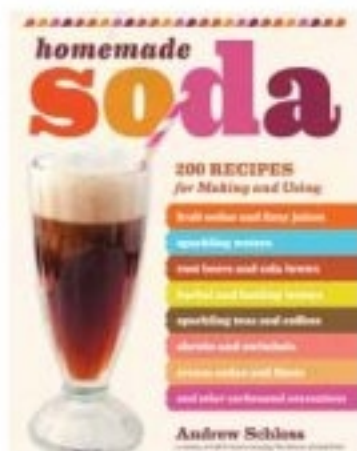
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The DIY craze, which makes wannabe homemakers age their own cheese and brew craft beer, has reached our cola. But before you shake your head and hide your stash of Pepsi, read the soothing words of cookbook author Andrew Schloss: "Making soda yourself is stupid easy," he says. "All you need is a sauce pan, some tall glasses and lots of ice. If you have a soda siphon [such as Sodastream] it greatly ex-



pands the possibilities." Of course, there's one more addition you might want: Schloss' new book, "Homemade Soda."

Why make homemade soda when it's so easy to just go out and buy it?

There are several benefits — less sugar, for one. The recipes in the book have about half the sweetener that's in most commercial sodas and if you want to lower your consumption of

high fructose corn syrup, there is none in homemade sodas. It isn't even available to home cooks. The other benefit is flavor — you can be way more creative than soda manufacturers who have to appeal to a mass market. There's also nutrition. By working with fresh juices and purees you can actually get real nutrients into your soda.

How did you come up with so many recipes for soda?

The flavor combinations of sodas are almost limitless. I look at flavors that go together in chewable foods and in different cuisines, not just those typical for beverages, when I'm thinking about making sodas.

What is a big misconception about homemade soda?

That it is difficult to make. It can be as simple as sweetening juice or tea or coffee or a pureed fruit and mixing it with carbonated water.

Which is your favorite recipe? I love the fermented honey soda because it is made from three ingredients and the flavor of the honey is transformed. It is awesomely delicious.

What's the best way for a novice soda-maker to start?

Buy a bottle of seltzer and mix it into a little bit of honey and lemon juice — completely refreshing.

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TV watch list

'Rat Busters NYC'

REALITY. We offer you yet another reason to not move to New York: There is an entire show dedicated to their



► Stay in NY, "Rat Busters"!

rodent problem, and this weekend it stars a giant, warehouse-terrorizing rat. Friday, 10 p.m., Animal Planet

'Big Brother'

REALITY. The nominations for evictions are revealed — we'd like to nominate "Big Brother." Sunday, 8 p.m., CBS

'Breaking Bad'

DRAMA. Walt is just about done waiting on Jesse, while Skyler works on fixing her money problems. Sunday, 10 p.m., AMC
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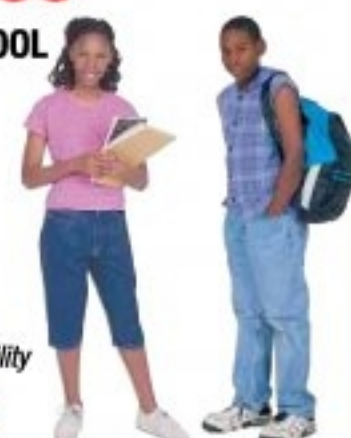
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Mercury Radio Theater
Saturday, 9:15 p.m.
\$10, Johnny Brenda's
www.johnnybrendas.com
The local guys are celebrating the release of their third album, "Kilroy," with a show that will welcome back past band members. Says Mercury of the new album, the last installment of their "Monster Trilogy": "The new episode is the tale of a geriatric werewolf, an old-folks home and a handgun." Yes. Please.

Manu Chao
Friday, 8 p.m.
\$35, Festival Pier at Penn's Landing
www.ticketmaster.com
The Parisian by way of Spain, rocker by way of reggae plays Penn's Landing.

Joe Jonas and Jay Sean

Wednesday, 7 p.m.
\$45, The TLA
www.ticketmaster.com
The Jonas Brothers seem to be on vacation these days, and only one is going to be on South Street Wednesday night. But that said, never underestimate the power of crazed teenage girls hopped up on Wawa iced tea and Johnny Rockets.

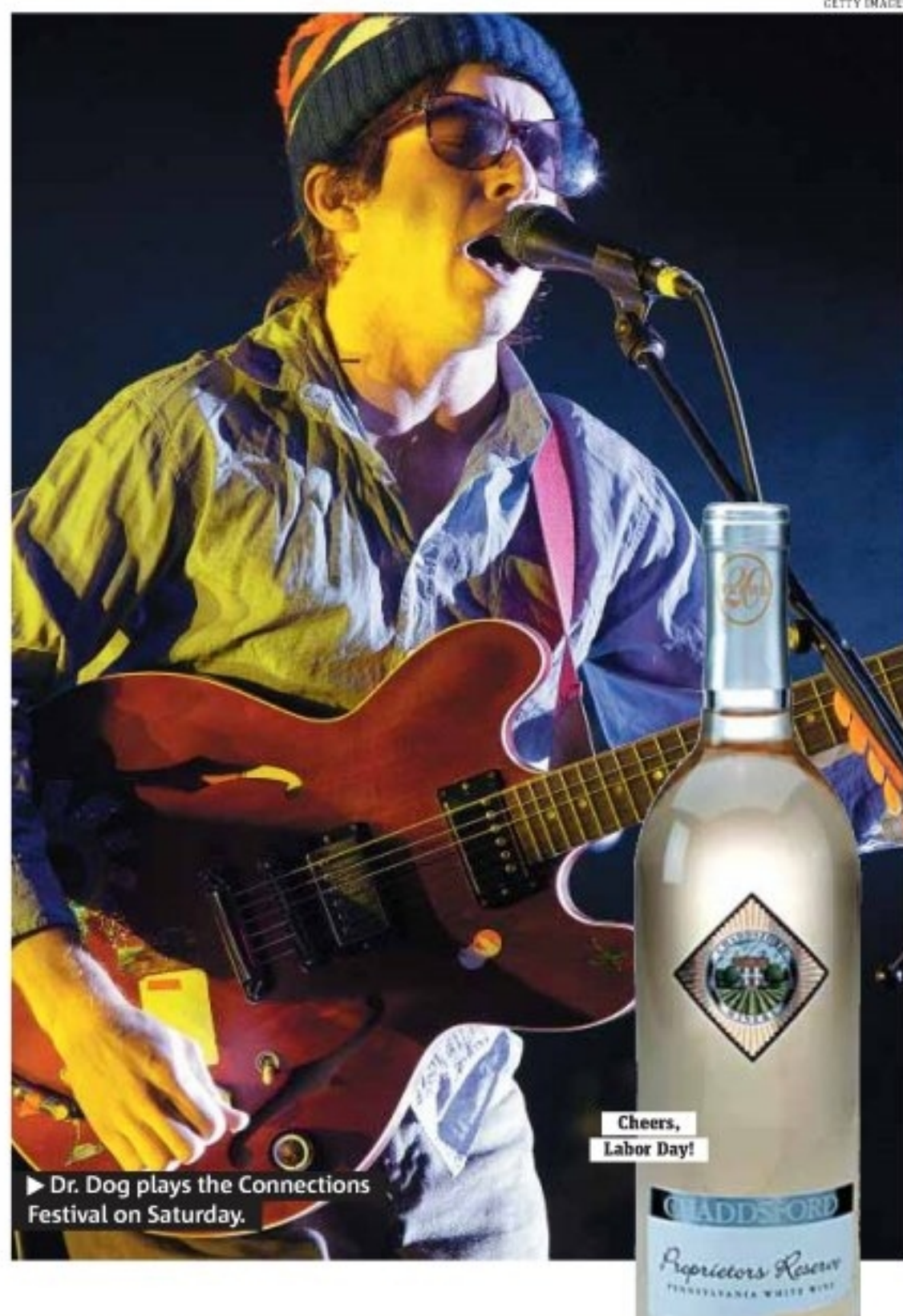
Vivian Girls
Tuesday, 9 p.m.
\$12, Johnny Brenda's
www.r5productions.com
The punk-rockers are on the road with their third full-length LP, "Share the Joy." Also on the bill: Windowspeak and Ninjessa. You can pick up surcharge-free tickets to all R5 Productions shows at AKA Music in Old City (27 N. Second St.).

Arts

2011 Philadelphia Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe
Friday through Sept. 17, www.livearts-fringe.org
Now in its 15th year, the city-wide arts festival is packing almost 200 programs by local, national and international artists, offering up a little something for everyone. This year's Festival Bar is setting up at the back-in-action Ruba Club (416 Green Street). Doors open every night at 10, and there's after-party entertainment scheduled almost every night.

THE RUNDOWN

Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week



Screenings



Fat Mac!

'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'
premiere party

Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
The Trocadero
www.thetroc.com
Ring in Season 7 of "Sunny" the only way The Gang would approve of: Six drinks in with your fellow rowdy Philadelphians. Preston and Steve host this premiere party, and you'll have to listen to WMMR to win tickets — but you'll do it for Fat Mac.

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www.gravystudio.blogspot.com
If you're sticking around for the holiday weekend, Fishtown's First Friday scene will be in full force. Off the avenue, Jacob Pastrovich's black-and-white photographs of his travels in Eastern Europe debut at Gravy Studio.

Food

Labor Day picnics at Chaddsford Winery
Saturday through Monday

www.chaddsford.com
Pack lunch or choose from picnic-friendly offerings such as crabcakes and grilled chicken at the winery's casual outdoor celebration, which will include live music. Wine tastings are \$10, and chilled bottles will also be available.

Garces Trading Co. Grilling Kits
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Music

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The feed ...

This week, @liljorkandkid was miffed that Irene messed up Boston Metro's publishing schedule, @MjLamp and @PushitupACV2 keep me informed of their Labor Day plans, and everyone else writes in about the news that Nancy Grace will be on DWTS. Egad!

► @liljorkandkid I wish the metro was published today. I have nothing better to do than tweet u on my way to work

► @MjLamp Tennis, anyone? I'll be @usopen

► @PushitupACV2 hitting the beach, local rest. and the gym.

► @happywithmy-name She'll sue everyone who doesn't vote for her...

► @dsensationale without the Casey Anthony trial, i suppose she has some free time.

► @zeitlingeist Maybe she'll force them to choreograph her dances to her own Casey Anthony commentary.

► @MeredithAtMetro just read she 'thought she was dreaming' when she got the call to do it. being asked on DWTS sounds like a nightmare to me.



Grace

THE WORD



Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip t @monicaatmetro ■ monica.weymouth@metro.us

— Dorothy Robinson will return on Tuesday.

You've gone too far, 'True Blood' fans

We get why you "True Blood" fans are obsessed with **Alexander Skarsgard**. We really do. In addition to being so hilariously, text-book attractive that he played one of the "Zoolander" models, the guy says things like this about his ex-girlfriends in a new interview with BlackBook magazine: "**Kate [Bosworth]** is such a great actress, and she's so much more than a good-looking Hollywood starlet ... we shared a really special experience."

Swooning approved. We'll even sign off on some weird vampire fantasies, if that's your deal (and come on, it is: There's simply no other reason to watch "True Blood").

But begging for a bite? Really?

"That's one thing I'll never really understand," Skarsgard says of nibble requests from fans. "But the main



► Alexander Skarsgard won't bite — ever. Stop asking.

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reason I don't ever do it is because if I do it just once, every single person will be like, 'Bite me! Bite me! Bite me!'"

We take it back — you people are freaks.

Lindsey feels it out

Lindsey Lohan added a new tattoo to her ribcage this week — which was, obviously, visible through the side of her "shirt." The ink? Lyrics to **Billy Joel's** "I Go to Extremes":



Lohan

"Clear as a crystal, sharp as a knife I feel like I'm in the prime of my life." Just like I feel like I'm about to win a Pulitzer and go to the gym on my way home. It's all about the positive thinking, babe.

She likes us! She really likes us!

You can't blame **Jennifer Aniston** for not regularly reading tabloids. But on

rare occasions, she does pick one up: "Most of it's just bulls—, however entertaining," she tells Glamour.

The takeaway here: Jennifer Aniston thinks we're entertaining!

A word of warning from David Beckham:

"She's got three brothers that will take her, three brothers that

will eat with her and three brothers that will bring her back home and a dad waiting for her," the actor tells Access Hollywood of what will happen when his brand-new daughter starts dating.

Talking points

Another junior for Downey Jr.

Robert Downey Jr. and his wife, producer **Susan Downey**, are expecting their first child together, according to Star magazine. "I think it's wonderful that she's pregnant," Nancy Miller, Susan's aunt, tells the magazine. "The baby is due in February. Susan's father, my brother, called me about three weeks ago with the good news. Her parents are over the moon about it." Robert also has an 18-year-old son, Indio,



Robert Downey Jr. and Susan Downey

from a previous marriage.

Marc Anthony: Cool it, people

Marc Anthony wants the world to know his divorce from **Jennifer Lopez** isn't that big of a deal. "I'll tell you that it wasn't something sensationalistic happening," Anthony tells Nightline. "It was a realization on both our parts. So, you know, it wasn't shocking. These things happen. It was a decision that we made jointly." He also says people shouldn't feel too bad for him. "This is not a funeral. This is not a burial," he says of his current situation.

Mel & Oksana's battle ending

Mel Gibson and **Oksana Grigorieva** have reportedly reached a settlement in their custody battle over their 1-year-old daughter, Lucia, according to Hollyscoop. Gibson has agreed to pay Grigorieva \$750,000, and he will also set up a trust fund for Lucia, who will continue to live with her mother in the multimillion-dollar home Gibson pays for until she turns 18, at which point the home will be sold and the proceeds will be placed in the trust. Also, neither Gibson nor Grigorieva are allowed to write books about each other.



Venice gets Clooney, Philly gets ... Rachael Ray?

1. Rachael Ray, Boyz II Men, Patti LaBelle and Ty Pennington were in town for Ray's "Great Philly Grill-Off"

on Tuesday.

2. It wasn't easy to narrow down, but this is our favorite of many, many photos snapped of George Clooney at the Venice Film Festival on Wednesday.

3. Kate Winslet — here with "Carnage" co-stars John C. Reilly and Christoph Waltz — made a

gorgeous splash at Venice in a little black dress to talk about.

4. Before you get worried about seeing Madonna at a film festival, remember how great she was in "A League of Their Own." That would be really great.

5. Cindy Crawford was also in Venice this week — seemingly,

to remind everyone that she still looks like this.

6. Sarah Jessica Parker looked cuter than ever in London yesterday while promoting her new film, "I Don't Know How She Does It." If we had to guess? A terrifying personal trainer.

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When she loses, say God did it

"BACHMANN: IRENE IS GOD'S MESSAGE FOR WASHINGTON," MSNBC.MSN.COM, AUG. 28.

Tea Party-animal Michelle Bachmann told a Florida audience this week that Hurricane Irene was God's way of sending a message to the United States.



(What, we should we stock up on batteries?)

Bachmann's campaign has since explained that the congresswoman — an avowed evangelical Christian — was joking. If so, we don't get the joke. (Would someone so devout really trivialize the word of God?) Regardless, there's a disturbing trend of justifying human death and suffering as instruments of God's judgment. We hereby warn the practitioners of such: It goes both ways.

Adorable headlines

"Executions stayed for 8 weeks in India"

UPI.COM, AUG. 30

Mumbai is just so lovely in monsoon season.

"Vladimir Putin rides a Harley with a biker gang"

TELEGRAPH.CO.UK, AUG. 30

Barack Obama, meanwhile, eats a burger with a fat guy.

"2 pajama-clad girls take stolen goat for walk"

NEWSOBSERVER.COM, AUG. 29

Unsurprisingly, Hef has said he won't be pressing charges.

"Vampire-themed cruise planned"

ABCLOCAL.GO.COM, AUG. 26

"I Am Royal Caribbean's Legend of the Seas"

"Climate scientists aren't motivated by money"

THEHILL.COM, AUG. 26

In it for the ladies, obviously.

"Texas rules strip-club tax constitutional"

NYMAG.COM, AUG. 26

Seriously, guys? This is the tax you decide to support?

"Rick Perry pledges to support traditional marriage"

CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM, AUG. 28

Say what you will, but Perry loves his little child bride.

"Scientists turning newspapers into biofuel"

GOOD.IS, AUG. 26

Journalists still useless.

Horoscope

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A situation that has been a thorn in your side for far too long will be eliminated quite soon, perhaps even today.

Your long-standing patience is what is producing these positive results.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If you want to be lucky, blend your intuition with a lot of practicality, reason and logic. Collectively, they'll provide some reliable insights into reality.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. It's good to be generous in your dealings with others, because chances are they'll be generous back. Just be sure your out-of-pocket expenses aren't more excessive than they need to be.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Operate in terms of financial growth, and don't think small. Anything you can do to generate personal gains is likely to work out quite handsomely.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Don't get upset if a significant matter starts off in a sluggish and uncertain manner. Lady Luck herself will be accelerating the pace for you.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Although changes and shifts in conditions over which you'll have no control may start your day off poorly, there is no need to get upset. You'll like the way matters end up.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Your

judgment is quite keen, so act in accordance with your assessments and evaluations. Don't let negative thinkers cause you any discomfort.

Aries March 21-April 19. Be consistently alert at all times if you want to capitalize on any mistakes your competition might make. No one is perfect, so it is probable that at one point it will happen in front of you.

Taurus April 20-May 20. When you think of life as a game, not only will it be fun — but you'll want to win. You'll realize that if you let life have the first serve, you'll know its game plan and will be able to make better returns.

Gemini May 21-June 20. Put yourself in the other guy's shoes, and mutual benefits can be derived through knowing better where they want to go and how you can help them get there faster.

Cancer June 21-July 22. Deal with your assignments in toto as opposed to doing things in a piecemeal fashion, and you'll take care of business with aplomb. It's the big picture that counts.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. You'll be luckiest staying within traditional methods and procedures instead of toying with speculative situations. Sticking with what you know the best will bring you the greatest returns. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

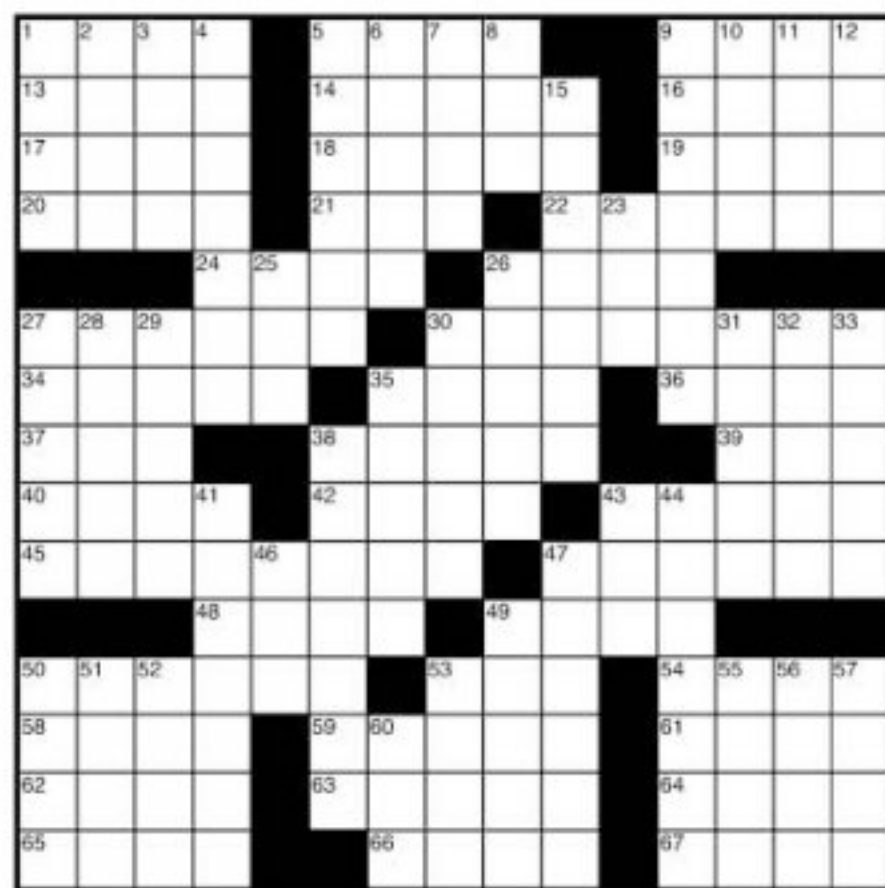
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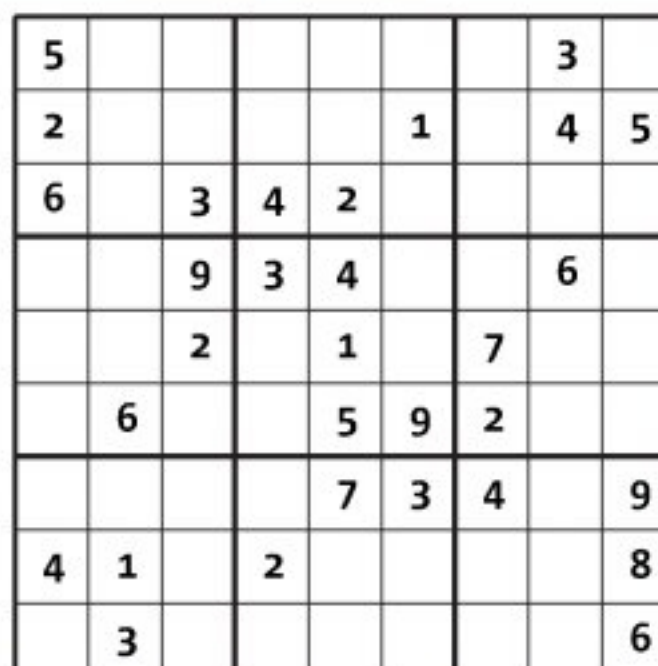
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Solution to Thursday's crossword



How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Phillies intend to keep 'foot on gas'

► Worley making noise for Rookie of Year honors after 6-4 win ► Team 41 games over .500 for first time in 35 years ► Howard, Martinez power offense ► Up next, a trip to Florida

Keep the foot on the gas. Win some more.

Those are the words being expressed from the Phillies. And why not? The team is 41 games over .500 for the first time since Aug. 26, 1976. The Phillies' 6-4 win over the Reds on Thursday afternoon gave them their first four-game sweep in Cincinnati since May 13-16, 1916. The Phils improved to a major-league best record of 87-46.

"We need to keep our foot on the gas and not let up," Ryan Howard said.

"We can win some more. We definitely want to win the division and have the best record," skipper Charlie Manuel said.

Vance Worley continued an impressive stretch and might get some NL Rookie of the Year votes. The rookie right-hander allowed four runs on eight hits and struck out seven in six-plus innings. Worley (10-1, 2.85 ERA) ran into a jam in the seventh, when he allowed

15-2
The Phillies' record in Worley's 17 starts this season. They have also won in his last 12, which is the best streak for a Phillies pitcher since 1972.

On TV Friday

Phillies at Marlins,
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On TV Saturday

Phillies at Marlins,
7:10 p.m. (CSN)

a three-run homer.

"We got close with a big home run by [Chris] Heisey," Reds skipper Dusty Baker said.

Heisey, just off the 15-day DL, struck the score to a two-run game, but it wasn't enough. Brad Lidge and Antonio Bastardo shut down the Reds in the seventh and



► Martinez, left, scored Valdez on a two-run homer in the seventh inning Thursday.

eight, before Ryan Madson worked a scoreless ninth for his 26th save.

The big blow for the Phillies came from Michael

Martinez, who went deep in the seventh. His two-run shot scored Wilson Valdez and put the Phils up, 6-1. Ryan Howard hit a solo

shot in the sixth for his 30th home run. The first baseman has at least 30 dingers and 100 RBIs in six straight seasons. **METRO**

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Pilot Halladay keeps it loose

► Phillies aces enjoy rare laugh after committing act of clubhouse terrorism ► Two admit to being incredibly competitive on the field, try to keep it light when off ► Oswalt set to start Friday; Halladay gets Sunday's game

Ryan Howard is as big as a building. At least, that's the perception of the pilot of a toy plane in the Phillies' clubhouse.

The plane approaches the Big Piece's shoulder as he dresses for a game. It rises in altitude and just clears his head. The flight plan is the same as the gadget rises over a reporter. But tragedy strikes as it hits coordinator of baseball communications Kevin Gregg's head.

The pilot, Roy Halladay, usually has better control of his toy — and his emotions. However, he and fellow starter Roy Oswalt are in hysterics after committing this act of clubhouse terrorism.

"It's all in fun," Halladay said. "We're here every

Quoted

"Everybody needs to escape a little bit. That's even so for [Halladay]. He's incredibly competitive. We all are, but we need to relax and have a good time."

ROY OSWALT

day, and we need to do some different things to lighten it up and just have a good time. I like flying the plane and the helicopter. The guys get a kick out of it. It's a diversion, and that's a good thing."

Yes, there is another



► Oswalt, left, and Halladay are all business on the mound and in the dugout. In the clubhouse, however, they have been known to let their guard down.

side to Halladay, the Phillies ace with such tunnel vision that you would swear he doesn't notice the batter at the plate.

"I have a good time, too," Halladay said. "I'm not all business, all the time."

It just seems that way since Halladay is a workout freak who studies endless video.

"Everybody needs to escape for at least a little bit," Oswalt said. "That's even so for [Halladay]. He's incredibly competitive. We all are, but we need to relax and have a good time. It's all about baseball and trying to play as well as possible — but we need to do some things to keep us loose."

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Making it look easy at the US Open

Serena Williams is widely considered the favorite to win the U.S. Open. In her first two matches, she certainly didn't disappoint.

Williams, who entered the tournament on a 12-match winning streak, swept Bojana Jovanovski (6-1, 6-1) in her opening match and then cruised to an effortless (6-0, 6-1) victory over Michaela Krajicek — in just 49 minutes — in the second round. She improved to 14-0 on hard court in 2011.

How is she doing it? "What I do, I pretend there's like a check for like a million dollars," Williams told ESPN. "And if you get it, if you run it

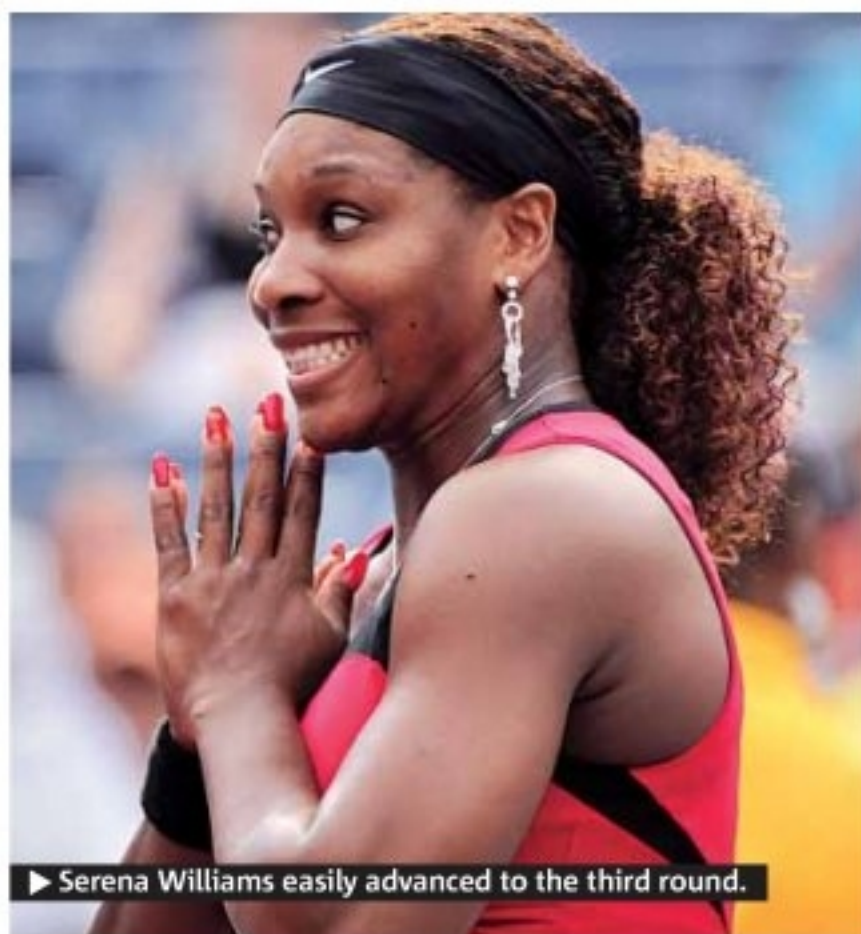
49 Minutes it took Serena Williams to beat Michaela Krajicek. The day session ended three hours earlier than normal.

down, you get the money tax-free."

(For the record, her U.S. Open champion's check would be for \$2.8 million.)

Williams' sister, Venus, is suffering from Sjogren's syndrome and had to withdraw from the U.S. Open. Serena expects her to fight through it and get back out there.

"I've been praying for her," she said. "She'll be fine. This is just another battle." ● METRO



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Johnson signs deal with Titans

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him in Tennessee through the 2016 season.

Johnson is expected to practice with the Titans this weekend. The team wrapped up the preseason Thursday night.

He is represented by Joel Segal, the agent responsible for sealing Michael Vick's \$100 million deal with the Eagles. **METRO**



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